



Lovely Strange Dark

DADDY LONG LEGS **BY KATSUTA BUN** **CHAPTER 2**

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Ogama
was at
a loss



And thus he
was at a loss.
However
he finally sold

...Thank
you..

And
then



Out of
the blue,
a casual
(female)
friend gave
him a bike.

Just giving
him a bike
would have been
curious enough
but it also
happened to
be an expensive
Porsche bicycle





However, my old room had already been converted into storage space.

IT'S NOT EVEN SEVEN YET?



OH, NO, I'M UP.

ARE YOU STILL SLEEPING?

IT'S NEW YEAR'S! CAN'T YOU AT LEAST WAKE UP ON TIME TODAY?



THOUGH IT ISN'T SNOWING.

HAHA!

EHHE...
And



IT'S NOT EVEN SEVEN YET?

To be honest, it's not easy being here...



and I now share that room with a rather 83-year-old man...

so they put up a folding screen right through the middle of my grandpa's tiny room,

LET HAPPINESS AMASS, MUCH LIKE THE SNOW PILES UP ON THIS FIRST DAY OF THE NEW YEAR...





Or more accurately, his grandparents have one, and he helps out.

Ooyama has a bakery.

He cooks the filling, measures out the flour and sugar, and shapes and chokes the buns.



HEY, SAKURA, SUPPLY NEW YEAR.

His shop is not far from the house so these days I've been hanging out there.

He also does deliveries on his bike.









BUT IT TURNS
OUT HIS REAL
PLAN WAS TO
USE THAT KNIFE
FOR A BOY AND
HAVE IT READ
AS "WYUMPI".

HE WAS
THE ONE
WHO NAMED
ME "WYUMPI",
USING THE
KNIFE FOR
"MOVING
FORWARD".



MY
GRANDPA
IS SUPER
STRICT.

HARDLY...

HE MUST
BE SO HAPPY
TO SHARE A
ROOM WITH
YOU.

HE
DIDN'T
THINK
WILL OF MY
LACK-
DISICAL
WAYS



NO MATTER
WHAT YOUR
GRANDCHILD
DOES, IT'S
ALWAYS CUTE.
AAHHH!

KAHAKA,
YOU'VE
GOT IT
ALL WRONG!

SHAME,
YOU FEEL
GUILTY ABOUT
THE WERDEST
THINGS...



HE MUST'VE
BEEN
SHAME-
RAIDED,
KAGAHAN!

BUT
HE SAID
HE DIDN'T
WANT TO
GO!

LAST YEAR, WHEN
I MOVED BACK IN,
I INVITED HIM
OUT TO A NICE
DINNER.

NOT
TRUE!



WHICH MEANS I FAILED
HIS EXPECTATIONS FROM
THE VERY START...

Ayam!!

I'm all set here.
There's nothing
I want!!

Sorry

Go on an
apology
or maybe a
thank you...

But your
room's so
small now

Um
is there
anything
you want?

Despite
how it seems,
I do have some
savings...

OH,
SORRY

...!!

REALLY
DIDN'T SEEM
LIKE IT...

He
must've been
embarrassed
kakaka!

...This is why
I keep visiting
Goyama's shop

THEY'RE
SO CUTE









"Thanks!"

He was
so happy
last time.

and that
made me
strangely
happy
as well.



He was
of a loss.

But,
don't go
there
anymore!

RYUMI, MAKE
SURE HE DOESN'T
TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF YOU!

but
he accepted
it anyway.

"Thanks"



IF HE HAD
ANY SENSE,
HE'D HAVE
REFUSED.

AND I DON'T
GET WHY HE
TOOK IT.





THINK IT
THROUGH.

RYUMI.



I DON'T NEED
ANYTHING.

THEN I
WANT TO
GET SOMETHING
FOR YOU, AFTER
YOU GAVE ME
HALF YOUR
ROOM.

IF I'M
GOING
TO DO
SOMETHING
GOOD WITH
IT.



OH? IS THAT
THE ONE YOU
BOY FROM
RYUMI?



THEN BUY
SOMETHING
YOU WANT.



THE MORE
A GIRL GIVES
YOU GIFTS, THE
FURTHER OUT
OF REACH THEY
BECOME...



HER SISTER
GAVE ME A
GLARE LOOK...
WELL, I CAN
UNDERSTAND
THAT.

SAMURA DIDN'T
GIVE THIS TO
ME WITH ANY
ROMANTIC
INTENTION.



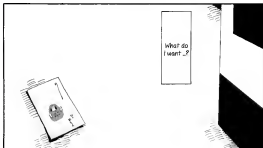
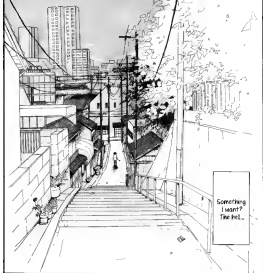
SO DON'T
GET ME
ANYTHING
ELSE...















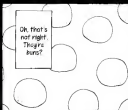




but I was
somehow
having fun.

ONE

I was
surrounded
by sweets,
drinking.



Oh, that's
not right.
They're
buns?



THREE
OF A
KIND!

Oh, it's
snowing!

As
the snow
plus up...



I GOT
IT—!!

Well,
either
way...



Or is it
really
snow...?

I
GOT
IT!

It'd be nice if I could
make something
like Ooyama's buns...
someday...

I GOT IT,
I GOT IT!

Good
Zorro
purred

it's really
pretty.







The theme
this year is
"ayumi", or
moving
forward

The poetry
reading



The sweetness of a child,
café paper bag in hand,
moving forward in disarray

(Sakata Kinnosuke, Tokyo)

It's a traditional event
held in January at
the imperial court.

I sure wish
I could meet
Mushi too
What an
action!

Too
many
friends!



Scared-
tired why
not here



